

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0020]** A push rod 22 is axially movably arranged in a corresponding bore in the housing 15 and is in contact at its left end with the medium 20 over a portion with reduced diameter surrounded by a sealing ring 23, for example made of Teflon® polytetrafluoroethylene, possibly with an additive.